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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR US/MEXICO FISHERIES
NEGOTIATIONS

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES PROPOSED VISIT OF AMBASSADOR RIDGWAY AND
SUPPORTING 34-MAN U.S. DELEGATION TO MEXICO CITY DURING PERIOD
MAY 15 TO 28 TO PARTICIPATE IN USG/GOM FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS.
EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASED TO PROVIDE GENERAL ARRAY OF
ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUBSTANTIVE SUPPORT.

2. FISHERIES ATTACHE GEORGE REES SHOULD IDEALLY SERVE AS
CONTROL OFFICER, AND WE PRESUME HE WOULD ALSO BE NAMED AS A
MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION. IT IS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS
BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FISHERIES ATTACHE
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16 TO 26 AT WASHINGTON, D.C.
(SEE DEPT'S 100454 FOR 4/26). GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF
USG/GOM FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS, RECOGNIZING MR. REES'S
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EXPERTISE IN THESE MATTERS, AND COGNIZANT OF HIS IMPENDING

ASSIGNMENT TO WASHINGTON WITHIN NINETY DAYS, EMBASSY BELIEVES HE WOULD BE OF GREATER USE HERE AND RECOMMENDS HIS PARTICIPATION IN MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE RATHER THAN ATTACHE MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

3. BLOCK OF 35 SINGLE ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT THE MARIA ISABEL SHERATON HOTEL ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE EMBASSY FOR THE PERIOD MAY 15 TO 28 INCLUSIVE. THE RATE (WITH EMBASSY DISCOUNT) IS 30 DOLLARS PER DAY FOR SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. MEXICO CITY PER DIEM IS 39 DOLLARS.

4. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE THREE OFFICERS AND LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM ARE NEEDED IN THE CHANCERY RATHER THAN HOTEL. THIS REQUIREMENT CAN BE MET. EMBASSY WILL ALSO PROVIDE COFFEE BREAK SERVICE DURING MEETINGS HELD IN CHANCERY AS WELL AS NURSE, CASHIER, TRAVEL BOOKING AND CAFETERIA SERVICES.

5. EMBASSY WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING TWO SECRETARIES INASMUCH AS FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WILL OVERLAP IN PART WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS' MEETING AND WITH I.D.B. BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, BOTH OF WHICH CONVENE AT CANCUN (ON MEXICO'S YUCATAN COAST, 900 MILES SOUTH OF MEXICO CITY) FROM THE PERIOD MAY 12 THROUGH 21. EMBASSY ALREADY COMMITTED TO SEND 16-MAN ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM TO BACKSTOP THESE TWO MAJOR EVENTS. HENCE, WE SHALL BE OPERATING AT MEXICO CITY WITHOUT SOME OF OUR ADMINISTRATIVE STALWARTS AND WITHOUT 25 PERCENT OF OUR NORMAL SECRETARIAL STAFF. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DELEGATION BRING TWO AND PREFERABLY THREE SECRETARIES TO PROVIDE BASIC SECRETARIAL/SECRETARIAT SUPPORT. IN EMERGENCIES, OF COURSE, EMBASSY WILL ENDEAVOR PROVIDE BACK-UP ASSISTANCE INCLUDING TRANSLATION SERVICE IF NEEDED.

6. TRANSPORTATION IS ALSO EXPECTED TO BE A PROBLEM. DURING FIRST HALF FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS EMBASSY WILL HAVE PART OF ITS FLEET AT CANCUN. IN ANY EVENT, WE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOMMEND AND REQUEST AUTHORITY TO HIRE A BUS TO TRANSPORT BULK NEGOTIATING TEAM TO AND FROM MEETINGS WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BE CENTERED AT FOREIGN OFFICE WHICH IS THREE MILES FROM CHANCERY. MOREOVER, DEPENDING ON THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF DELEGATION HEAD AND OTHER MEMBERS WHO MUST HAVE FLEXIBILITY IN COMINGS AND GOINGS, WE ALSO REQUEST AUTHORITY TO HIRE CARS WITH DRIVERS AS THE SITUATION

WARRANTS. WE SHALL KEEP PRIVATE CAR HIRINGS TO A
MINIMUM, DEPENDING UPON AVAILABILITY OF EMBASSY
MOTOR POOL BUT PREFER TO HAVE SAFETY VALVE AUTHORITY
TO ENSURE NEGOTIATING TEAM'S TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS
CAN BE FULLY MET AT ALL TIMES.
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